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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-15-28
May 26, 2015

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a wastewater discharge permit to the facility listed in this notice. This permit is issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, fact sheet, and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website <http://deq.mt.gov/notices/WQnotices.mcp>.

APPLICANT NAME: City of White Sulphur Springs
P.O. Box 442
White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645

FACILITY NAME: White Sulphur Springs Wastewater Treatment Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: 46°32'29.5" N latitude, 110°54'48.6" W longitude
White Sulphur Springs, MT
Meagher County

RECEIVING WATER: Unnamed Drainage

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0020699

This permit is a reissuance of a Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for discharge of treated wastewater to an unnamed drainage. The City of White Sulphur Springs operates a two-cell facultative lagoon system without effluent disinfection. The domestic wastewater collection and treatment system serves approximately 950 people. The proposed permit will maintain existing permit conditions on biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₅), total suspended solids (TSS), pH and *E. coli* bacteria plus apply limits on oil and grease (O & G) and total residual chlorine (TRC). Effluent disinfection will be required to meet effluent limits on *E. coli* bacteria and the TRC effluent limit applies if chlorination is utilized for effluent disinfection. The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring of discharge quality and quantity, with monthly reporting of results. This permit and Fact Sheet will be submitted to the EPA for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS June 25, 2015.

Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS June 25, 2015 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail the Department at DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov.

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1373).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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